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I offer the following comments on the suggested revised draft language for the Hood Diversion distributed at the 12/13/99 Small Group meeting.

(1) Top full paragraph on page 2, first sentence: I suggest we retain "Serious" at the beginning of the paragraph. NMFS does have serious concerns for fish passage at this location and I think this is a good descriptor of the potential impacts described two sentences below (i.e. fish stranding and increased mortality).

(2) Top full paragraph on page 2, second sentence: This location is likely to be important for upstream passage of striped bass, but this species is not included on the existing list - "salmon, smelt, splittail, sturgeon and other native fish." Steelhead passage is also a concern at this site.

(3) Top full paragraph on page 2, third sentence: More specifically, the "back of the screen" phenomenon could result in the delay and blockage of fish migrating upstream.

(4) Bullet regarding Hood Diversion on page 3: "fisheries concerns" does not fully convey the magnitude of the fish passage issues at a Hood Diversion. I suggest we maintain the initial language with "substantial" to describe the fisheries issues associated with this facility.